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Idaho All Wheat Acreage Up 3 Percent

Planted acres for all wheat in Idaho are estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 3 percent from 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acres to be harvested for all wheat are expected at 1.38 million acres, up from 1.35 million acres the previous year. Idaho's spring wheat seedings, at 620,000 acres, are down 2 percent from the 630,000 acres planted in 2010. Harvested acreage is set at 600,000 acres, a decrease of 15,000 acres from last year. Winter wheat seedings of 820,000 acres increased 9 percent from the previous year. Harvested acres are expected to total 770,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from 2010. Area planted to durum wheat is down 60 percent from last year at 8,000 acres, with 8,000 acres also expected to be harvested for grain. Planted acreage of sugarbeets is estimated at 176,000 acres, up 3 percent from the 171,000 acres planted in 2010. Acres of sugarbeets for harvest are expected to total 175,000, also 3 percent higher than last year's 170,000 acres harvested. Barley acreage planted is estimated at 510,000 acres, 4 percent more than last year's 490,000 acres. Harvested acreage is expected to total 490,000, up from 470,000 acres harvested in 2010. Acres seeded to oats totaled 70,000, unchanged from last year. Acres harvested for grain are estimated at 15,000, down 5,000 acres from last year. The area planted to corn, at 390,000 acres, is up 70,000 acres from last year and a new record high. Corn to be harvested for grain is forecast at 130,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year and, if realized, would also be a record high. Dry bean planted acreage is down 37 percent to 85,000 acres planted with 84,000 acres expected to be harvested. Estimates for dry bean acreage include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Idaho farmers and ranchers are expected to harvest 1.37 million acres of all hay, down 7 percent from last year. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 1.02 million acres, down 10 percent from last year while other hay is estimated at 350,000 harvested acres, up 3 percent from 2010. Canola acres planted are estimated at 12,000 acres, down 38 percent from last year. Canola acres to be harvested are estimated at 11,500 acres, down 6,900 acres from 2010.

For the U.S., corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up 5 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 84.9 million acres for grain, up 4 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.1 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.3 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2011 is estimated at 13.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2010. Grain area is expected to total 13.2 million acres, 1 percent below 2010. Area seeded to durum wheat is estimated at 1.70 million acres, down 34 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1.65 million acres, 35 percent below 2010. Barley producers seeded 2.82 million acres for 2011, down 2 percent from the previous year and the lowest seeded area on record. Harvested area, at 2.48 million acres, is up fractionally from 2010 level, but if realized, will be the second lowest since 1883. Oats planted totaled 2.59 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year and the lowest total on record. Growers expect to harvest for grain 934,000 acres, down 26 percent from 2010 and a record low. Area planted to sugarbeets totals 1.24 million acres, up 6 percent from 2010. Harvested area is forecast at 1.20 million acres, up 4 percent from 2010. Planted area of dry beans is estimated at 1.26 million acres in 2011, down 34 percent from last year. Area to be harvested in 2011 is forecasted at 1.21 million acres, down 34 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 57.6 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 19.3 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2010. Other hay is estimated at 38.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 2010. Canola producers planted 1.14 million acres in 2011, down 21 percent from 2010. The harvested area forecast for canola, at 1.12 million acres, is down 22 percent from last year.

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